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TAGS: CARR JONES, STEPHAN), (BEIKMAN, CHARLES), (PEOPLE'S TEMPLE)
SUBJ: W/W ARRESTS: STEPHAN JONES: CHARLES BEIKMAN

REF: GEORGETOWN 0450

1. THREE NEW WITNESSES GAVE TESTIMONY AT THE JANUARY 29 SESSION OF THE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO THE DEATHS OF LINDA SHARON HARRIS (AKA SHARON AMDS) ET AL. CALVIN DOUGLAS AND CARL BARNETT RELATED WHAT THEY SAW ON THE EVENING OF THE MURDERS AT THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE GEORGETOWN HEADQUARTERS. BOTH WERE CROSS-EXAMINED BY SENIOR COUNSEL REX MCKAY. A POLICE CORPORAL WHO TOOK A STATEMENT FROM DOUGLAS ON NOVEMBER 18, ALSO TESTIFIED.

2. MAGISTRATE PERSAUD DID NOT GIVE A DECISION ON THE ADMISSIBILITY OF BEIKMAN'S SECOND STATEMENT OR ON THE COMPETENCE OF STEPHANIE JONES TO TESTIFY, NOR DID HE GIVE A NEW DATE FOR HIS RULING.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM DEFENSE COUNSEL SINGH, PROSECUTING COUNSEL WEITHERS SAID IN COURT THAT HE PLANS TO CALL FOUR NEW WITNESSES AND RECALL ONE WITNESS BEFORE THE STATE CONCLUDES ITS CASE.

INQUIRY IS SCHEDULED TO RESUME JANUARY 30.
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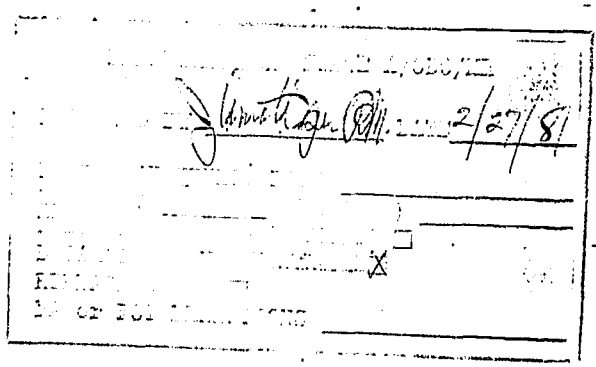

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